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PRESS RELEASE

Join the Hispanic Heritage Festivities At North Shore Park!

Miami Beach, FL – North Shore Park and Youth Center will host its first annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Friday, October 13, 2006 from 6 - 8 pm. The event will focus on the celebration of achievements and contributions of Hispanics from past to present. In addition to the educational experience, children, adults, and seniors will be able to enjoy a variety of activities such as a salsa & merengue dance contest, an empanada contest, children's dance performances, music, rides, authentic cigar rolling, and a mini-tasting village.

Children from the City of Miami Beach's after school programs at North Shore Park, Scott Rakow Youth Center, and Flamingo Park will present a variety of dance performances to music sung by popular Hispanic artists and groups such as Carlos Vives, Elvis Crespo, Oro Solido, and Los Rolands. Residents and restaurants can also sign up to participate in the first annual "Best Empanada in North Beach Contest"; winners in each category will receive cash prizes and restaurant coupons of up to \$100. In addition to the wonderful entertainment, there will be a variety of authentic Latin dishes for children and adults to enjoy as they mingle amongst the crowd to the sound of Latin music!

The Hispanic Heritage Festival and other upcoming Parks and Recreation Department events are put together for the entire Miami Beach community in an effort to create cultural awareness and educate on the various ethnic backgrounds that exist in our very own city.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming in your Recreation Review, call our offices at 305-673-7730 or visit our new and improved website at www.miamibeachparks.com.

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